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Application No. 09/714,804
Supplemental Amendment dated June 18, 2007
Reply to Office Action of December 11, 2006

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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2006, Applicant hereby submits this amendment supplementing the response of May 31, 2007.

Claims 1-11 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 9-11 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 12 have been amended. No new claims have been added. As a result, claims 1-8 and 12 are pending for examination with claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Applicant's representatives thank Examiner Romano for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting a telephone interview held on June 12, 2007. During the interview, Applicant's representatives discussed with the Examiner claims as currently pending and cited references. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 12 as discussed during the telephone interview. Therefore, Applicant believes that independent claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 patentably distinguish over Hadjiylannis and Vos, either alone or in combination.

Claims 2-4 and 12 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and is allowable for at least the same reasons.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-8 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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